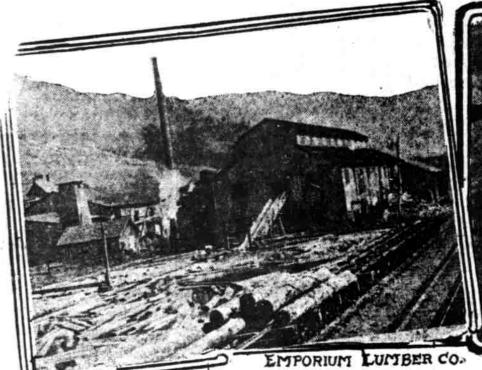
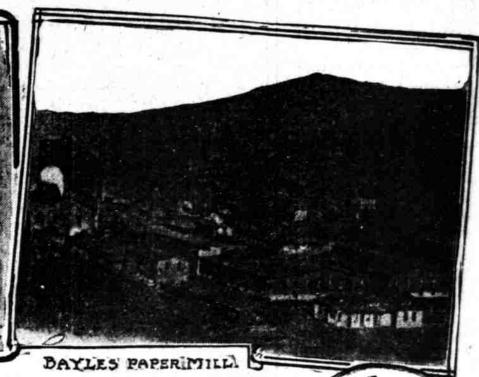
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# AUSTIN FLOOD'S DEATH LIST REACHES FIVE HUNDRED; TWO THOUSAND WITHOUT HOMES; FIVE MILLIONS LOSS





# WARSHIPS SUNK:

Great Naval Battle Occurs Near Straits of Dardanelles.

#### SIX TORPEDO BOATS BADLY DAMAGED

Sultan's Vessels Outmaneuvered by Opponents in Desperate Struggle on Sea.

ROME, Oct. 1.-Three Turkish battleships were sunk and six torpedo boats damaged by the Italian squadron which had been pursuing the Moslem flest from Beyrut to Constantinople. The engagement took place near the entrance of the Dardanelles. The Italian ships circled the Sultan's vessels and prevented them from gaining the forts in the Golden Horn

In the exciting naval battle which ian gunners was accurate, and after sixty-two alleged offenders. a short engagement the three Ottoman battleships were sent to the

board and made frantic efforts to on roller skates, although, in pursuance reach the damaged torpedo boats. It of directions from Judge De Lacy, pois estimated that the loss of life will ents that their children were out unduly exceed 2,000. Further details of the battle are lacking. When the news (Continued on Second Page.)

### WEATHER REPORT

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.

TEMPERATURES.

U. S. BUREAU.	AFFLECK'S.
8 a. m 54	8 a. m 6
9 a. m 58	9 a. m 6
10 a. m 58	10 a. m 6
11 a. m 60	11 a. m 6
12 noon 61	12 noon 6
1 p. m 62	1 p. m 6
2 p. m 63	2 p. m 6

Today-High tile, 2:05 a. m and 2:3 Tomorrow-High tide, 3:01 a. m. and 3:46 p. m.; low tide, 9:58 a. m. and 10:16

SUN TAPLE.

# SIXTY-TWO YOUNG MEN ARRESTED IN NORTHEAST RAID

Ninth Precinct Police Urged to Action by Citizens' Complaints.

Urged to action by complaints of an noyances from merchants and residents followed the Turkish warships were the Ninth precinct, with Sergeant Mcof H street northeast, Captain Daly, of outmaneuvered. The aim of the Ital- Quade and a squad of six policemen

The captives include white and black boys and young men of about an equal number, all charged with disorderly conduct of various description, ranging Hundreds of the crew leaped over- firting with women. None arrested was licemen notified more than a dozen par-

> Captain Daly announced, following last night's raid, that he intended to stop the numerous complaints that have come in from residents along H street. This is the "midnight F street" of the city, and, it is said, young men and women parade to a late hour. All the prisoners were released on the payment of \$3 collateral, and tomorrow may be a busy day in Police Ccurt.

#### Harriman Strike Does Not Delay Passengers

far as traveling is concerned there is and there trains have been halted for valley. and there trains have been halted for lack of repairs, but all day today railroad traffic was moving as smoothly as ever. This in spite of the fact that there are between 1,450 and 1,600 shopmen on strike here and at Los Angeles. The Southern Pacific Company and its allied lines in the West prepared for trouble some months ago by building high board fences around their various shops and have had dozens of men sworn in as special policemen in the last few days. There are no reports of encounters.

Valley.

Only twenty-two bodies have been the story of Miss Decker is the tale of a tragedy that has stunned a town and appealed to a Commonwealth. Twenty minutes past 2 o'clock the tingle of the telephone bell disturbed the quiet of the office of the Bayless Pulp and Paper Company. The stenographer is had, and whose broken, dazed condition would provoke the sympathy of a statue cannot be described by mere diction or phrase. On every hand the devastation is appalling; all

## Morning Dawns on Scenes of Greatest Desolation; Families Lost PRESIDENT'S TRAIN and Separated; Food and Shelter Swept Away; Survivors Dumb With Grief; Two States Rush Aid.

VIEW OF DESTROYED CITY OF AUSTIN

Five hundred dead, their bodies piled with the debris of dismantled homes, is now the toll of the flood that swept Austin, Pa., when the Bayless dam broke vesterday afternoon.

Men, women, and children walk the streets today calling the names of missing loved ones. But few bodies have been recognized or recovered.

Nearly 2,000 people are homeless. Some are being cared for by those who lived above the path of the released waters, which tore down the valley in a wall fifty feet

The property loss is estimated at \$5,000,000. Nearly every home and business house in Austin was swept to the foot of the valley and destroyed.

Conditions almost as tragic prevail at the little town of Costello, three miles be-

Relief is being sent from neighboring towns.

### RUINS MARK SITE OF TOWN OF AUSTIN.

(By Washington Times Correspondent.)

unrecovered dead, its homes and business houses torn from foundations and swept by resistless waters from the Bayless dam to the foot of the valley below, with privation and suffering or every side, what was yesterday the peaceful little town of Austin is in

sackcloth and ashes today. Receding waters and smouldering fires furnish mute evidence of the greatest catastrophe Pennsylvania has known since the Johnstown flood of 1889. But a partial inventory of the destruction

wrought can be had today. Five hundred are known to have been drowned or burned to death; five millions worth of property has been destroyed; some two thousand people SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 1.-As are homeless and are temporarily sheltered by those who lived on the no strike on Harriman lines. Here hills, just above the water-swept

hand the devastation is appalling; all laugh the lives of 500

AUSTIN, Pa., Oct. 1.—With its 500 that is left of two prosperous towns inrecovered dead, its homes and busithe ruins of the homes of 1,500 cftithe ruins of the homes of 1,500 cftithe ruins of the homes of 2,500 cftithe ruins of the ruins of 2,500 cftithe ruins of the homes of 2,500 cftithe ruins of the ruins of 2,500 cftithe ruins of are a few houses and tons of debris, the ruins of the homes of 1,500 cfti-zens, a lane of ruin through which the monster of water took his fearful flight on yesterday Two Minutes Lost. Two simple laughs, the unbelieving

chuckles of a stenographer, sent the

hundreds to their doom. Her iconocias tic laughter stayed the note of warning two minutes and those 120 seconds wrung a death toll from Austin and Costello that cannot be estimated for a Miss Margaret Decker, her mother, inform the bookkeeper.

numbered among the dead, waited the fatal moment. Today at her home, crazed by grief, and holding herself to blame for the catastrophe, the light-hearted stenographer bravely tried to tell the story, a story grim and horrible to her and a story of laughter at death that was re-echoed by another pessimis-

end of that telephone wire. Again the voice, trembling with emotion and throbbing with all the terrible intensity of knowledge, shouted its frantic note of warning: "For God's sake," ap-pealed the voice, "warn the town; the

moment lost all chance of safety for the hundreds. Miss Decker, still unhear was to act, he pulled down the telephone in his feverish haste, called up the car shops a mile away and sounded the note of alarm.

One blast on the whistle, and the sig-nal was given to all who heard its piercing note. Hardly had the last echo fied away when a rumble like the sound of distant thunder was heard, and a great wall of water resembling a huge mist cleft a pathway through the center mist cleft a pathway through the center of Austin and swept everything before its terrific sweep, men and women caught in the rushing waters were carried down the lane of destruction, trying with that instinct of preservation to save themselves only to give up the unequal battle and slip away to death.

The scenes as witnessed by eye-witnesses were heartrending, men and women, too, carried along in the sweep

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# IN DANGER; CREEPS

Torrents Maroon and Delay Taft-Guarded by Trackwalkers.

THROUGH WASHOUT

ATCHISON, Kan., Oct. 1 .- Over a by one of the heaviest cloudbursts the 'cyclone beit" has known in years, President Taft's special train left Atchson today for Omaha, after having

been marooned for twelve hours. Plainly nervous over the condition of the road, but determined to get President Taft into Omaha tonight, the railroad officials sent out hundreds of men to watch the roadbed and pushed out a heavy pilot train ahead of the Presi-dent's special. All along the line the special traversed weak spots. Several bridges which had been swamped by last night's torrential rains and re-paired with much haste and temporary material, and a score of spots where the tracks had been washed away and filmsily rebuilt, confronted the train as

of warning: "For God's sake," appealed the voice, "warn the town; the dam has broken."

How Chance Was Lost.

Once more that laugh came from the lips of Miss Decker, and that second lips of Miss Decker, and that second lips of Miss Decker, and that second lips of washout beyond scaled a long, constantly in danger of sliding into a washout.

Scores of passenger and treight trains along the line were held up to give the President's special the right of way.

It developed when the train reached Atchison that the special narrrowly escaled to the role of sliding into a washout. caped going into a washout beyond Rushville last night. The pilot engine the hundreds. Miss Decker, still un-believing the warning of the wire, man-aged to stifle her smiles long enough to passed and before the President's train With him to came along. Only the vigilance of a track walker, who discovered the weakened spot, prevented the wrecking of the special. The track walker hurried through the driving rain to the nearest telegraph office. Rushville was notified and the special was held up there. In and the special was held up there. In a few minutes a washout behind the special cut it off from both directions. The railroad men outlined the situation to the President, who smiled comfortably and remarked, philosphically: "Well, I've lived long enough now to know that when you are up against it, you might just as well smile and sit still."

The President is due to leave Omaha at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow and he will be able to pick up his schedule for the trip West.

Scattered information reaching the Presidential train is that the cloud-burst swept Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska, and that the Jamage will be heavy.

# Be Deposed When Taft

CHURCH DESTROYED

DR. WILEY SOON

McCabe and Dunlap May Gets Back.

ACTION FORCED BY OPINION OF PUBLIC

Chief Chemist to Have Complete Control of Act's Administration.

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

The pure food law will be handed back to Dr. Wiley. Inside of another week he will be the czar in all matters involving its administration.

Whether Solicitor McCabe will be pried out of his position at the Department of Agriculture will not be decided until after President Taft's return from the grand tour. Whether Associate Chemist Dunlap will conhastily patched-up roadbed undermined tinue in the service, will await consideration at the same time.

Wiley To Be Boss.

But meantime, the pure food act will be taken out of the hands of the board of food and drug inspection, composed of Wiley, McCabe, and Dunlap, and given to Dr. Wiley. There will be no two-to-one-against-Wiley rulings, as in the past. It will be all Wiley.

Later on, in all probability, the legal association of Mr. McCabe with the enforcement of this law will probably be ended. The present purpose is to secure the assignment of a law of-ficer from the Department of Justice to attend to all the pure food litiga-tion, so that McCabe will be entirely relieved of responsibility in that

Pending determination on this point, however, McCabe will be retired from relation to the general administration of the law.

of the law.

This is by no means all that is to be or execution. The Remain coard with a bolished by Executive order, according to present plans. It will probably be allowed to conclude its current investigation of the use of sulphur in fruit preserving, but that will be its last investigation. Its duties will cease at the conclusion of this inquiry.

Verdict For Wiley.

The verdict has been made up in the matter of Wiley, the pure food act, and the cabal to suppress the doughty The authorities at the Departnent of Agriculture recognize that the

public is for Wiley, and the public's decision is to be accepted without heat-tation, cavil. or misgivings.

This much was learned today on unquestionable authority. Secretary Wilson, who returned two days ago from the West, would make no statement, but

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